

REMARKS

Claims 35, 37, and 38 are pending in the application. Claims 1-34 and 36 have been cancelled. Claims 35, 37, and 38 have been amended. Claim 35 is in independent form.

Claim Rejections - §112

1-2. Claims 35-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Regarding claim 35, the Examiner states that "it is unclear whether 'the two access holes' (line 4) reference the elements 'two relatively large holes' (line 3). Furthermore, 'large' is a comparative term with no reference thereby resulting in a lack of clarity." In response, Applicant has amended line 3 to set forth "at least two access holes" such that it is clear that "said at least two access holes" in line 4 correspond thereto. The rejection is now moot.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 35-38 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - §102

3-4. Claim 35 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,510,657 to Bertolini et al. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

The Examiner states that claims 36-38 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has amended base claim 35 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and to include allowable claim 36. Thus, amended independent claim 35 is allowable.

Applicant has cancelled claim 36.

Claims 37 and 38 depend from amended independent claim 35 and, as such, are construed to incorporate by reference all the limitations of amended claim 35, *see* 35 U.S.C. §112, fourth paragraph. Since amended claim 35 is allowable as set forth above, claims 37 and 38 are also allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests, therefore, that the rejection of claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bertolini et al. be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee associated with this Communication to Deposit Account No. 50-1759. A duplicate of this form is attached.

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